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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

J. Allen Shriver

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 recites the limitation "said regular seat" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Additionally, in line 9, the word "for" has been misspelled "fro".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood et al. (US Patent 6,641,164 B2) in view of Schaaf et al. (US Patent 6,209,892 B1).** Wood et al. discloses a stroller (12) adapted for securely supporting a car seat (14) which has a securing arrangement for a seat belt of a vehicle to fasten in position, comprising a stroller frame (22) comprising a supporting frame having two front frame legs (See Fig. 2), a boundary frame (24)

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frontwardly extended from said supporting frame for limiting a frontward movement of a body or a young child sat on said regular seat, and a handle (76) frame upwardly extended from said supporting frame; at least a regular seat (60) comprising a seat support (62) horizontally supported by said supporting frame and a back support (64) upwardly extended from a rear portion of said seat support, wherein a receiving cavity, having a size adapted for substantially disposing said car seat therein is defined between said boundary frame and said regular seat (See Fig. 1); and a car seat fastening arrangement (26) comprising a connecting unit, wherein said connecting unit comprises at least a unit connector (See Fig. 3); and a holding belt (46) having a first end connected to said connecting unit and a second end affixed with a belt connector which is capable of detachably fastening to said unit connector of said connecting unit so as to define a holding loop having a predetermined size large enough for encirclingly holding said car seat on said stroller while fastening with said securing arrangement of said car seat (See Fig. 1); **[claim 2]** wherein said unit and belt connectors are a buckle socket and a buckle plug affixed to said connecting unit and said end of said second end of said holding belt respectively (See Fig. 3), wherein said holding belt is securely secured to said connecting unit by fastening said buckle socket with said buckle plug; **[claims 3-4]** wherein said car seat fastening arrangement further comprises means for adjusting a length of said holding loop of said holding belt for tightly holding said car seat with said stroller frame (See column 6, lines 13-16); **[claim 5-6]** wherein said adjustment means comprises at least an adjusting member coupled on said holding belt to selectively lock up said respective belt connector at a predetermined position along said holding belt, so that said size of said holding loop is able to be adjusted by controlling a length between said two belt connectors of said holding belt (See column 6, lines 13-16).

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Wood et al. does not specifically disclose wherein the connecting unit is provided at a rear side of said back support of said regular seat, but instead connects the connecting unit at the rear side of the bottom seat portion (62). Schaaf et al. discloses providing the connecting unit at the rear side of said back support (See Fig. 10). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art to move the location of the connecting unit from the bottom seat portion to the rear side of said back support in Wood et al. as taught by Schaaf et al. The motivation for doing so would have been to more properly fit the openings in the child seat.

Conclusion

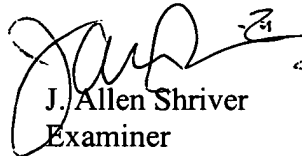
5. The prior art made of record in the accompanying PTO Form 892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Allen Shriver whose telephone number is (703) 308-1224. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris P. Ellis can be reached on (703) 305-0168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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J. Allen Shriver
Examiner
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